



October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to firstly welcome myself, Mr Mahay, as Head of Year 8 at Greenford High School. Working alongside me is my dedicated team including Miss Shah (X-Band Leader), Mr Mantey (Y-Band Leader & Pastoral Support Worker) and Mr McCreeth (Z-Band Leader). It has been a pleasure working with many parent/carers and students over the first half term and I look forward to continuing with this over this academic year. Year 8 is a crucial year at Greenford as student move over from i-Block onto main site and become part of our wider school community. It is vital for our student to remember the **basics** around school life and expectations.

There has been a huge focus on our basics as once these are secured, it aids our pupils to focus on the more important aspects of school life. It also resembles how our pupils are proud Greenford students and the idea of uniformity, where everyone has equal opportunity.

Our school basics include:

- **Attendance** – All pupils should aim to have 100% attendance. We understand that as the weather changes, coughs and colds become more common however, if your child is well enough to be in school – please send them in. Their **resilience** and **courage** are hugely commended!
- **Punctuality** – A reminder that the main gate closes at 08:32am and students are expected to be in their form classes or 08:35. Any students who arrive after this will be marked as late with a 30-minute afterschool detention on the day. In addition to this, any students late past the second bell to periods 1,3 or 5 will serve a **15-minute lunch detention** (the following days lunch for period 5).
- **Uniform** – We thank you immensely for your efforts in ensuring your child looks the part when attending Greenford High School. A reminder that all students should have the correct uniform. This includes *blazers, school shoes and ties*. With the cold weather creeping up on us, students should have a warm jacket/coat to wear. Scarfs should be plain in colour and fluffy socks are not to be worn.
- **No political statements or signs** – As a school we appreciate the diverse range of ethnic backgrounds our students belong to. It is crucial we respect all backgrounds and therefore no student should be bringing in any badges, flags, or representation which could upset our school community.

Please support your child by using platforms including **Show My Homework (SMHW)** and **Google classroom** to monitor homework tasks and ensure your child has completed them to the best of their ability. If you require the SMHW login details, please contact a member of the year team.

We also have the **KS3 Study Space** accessible to all KS3 students which is open **Monday-Thursday** from **3:10 – 4:10** in **CG13** where students can go to and complete their work in the presence of staff members and post-16 helpers.

Best Wishes,
Mr Mahay | Mr McCreeth | Miss Shah | Mr Mantey
The Year 8 Team

Key Dates

Year 8 Interim 1

These will be completed by 03/11 and sent out subsequently.

Friday 24th November 2023

Occasional Day
(School Closed)

Thursday 30th November 2023

Year 8 Parent Evening

Friday 21st December 2023

Last Day of Term

Behaviour

Please see below the main categories for detention received this first half term:

**Late to School
Homework Concerns
Missed Detentions**

Detentions are set when students fail to meet basic school expectations. Please have conversation with your child to ensure they are receiving no detention for the categories above. We have the **KS3 Study Space** available to support with homework and students are provided with a detention slip when late so there are no excuses!

Did you know...

Missing 2 day of school equates to 12 missed periods of learning. That's a drop of 5% in attendance too!